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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

This supplemental amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2000, in response to the Communication transmitted June 25, 2001 and in response to a teleconference with the Examiner on July 20, 2001. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 3, page 1 of the specification with the following paragraph:

~~This application is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 08/511,076 filed August 3, 1995, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference, which is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 08/396,569, filed March 1, 1995 (abandoned).~~

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-38 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 39-41, 45-47, 49 and 50 with the following amended claims:

39.(Amended) A stent with a proximal end, a distal end and a longitudinal axis, the stent comprising:

a plurality of undulating band-like elements having alternating peaks and troughs, each undulating band-like element extending about the longitudinal axis, the plurality of undulating band-like elements extending from the proximal end of the stent to the distal end of

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